

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed January 4, 2007 the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement as follows: Invention I (claims 1-28) drawn to thermal engine devices, and Invention II (claims 29-50) drawn to methods of making thermal engine devices. Applicant hereby elects the claims associated with Invention I (claims 1-28) for prosecution at this time. Claims 29-50 are withdrawn from consideration, without prejudice to the possibility of reinstatement during the prosecution of the subject application, and without prejudice to the filing of subsequent continuation or divisional applications.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-28 are now in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining matters that may be handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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